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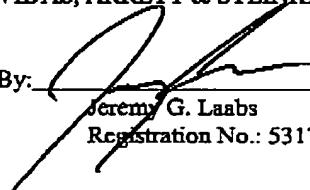
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

This Statement is filed in response to the Interview Summary dated July 14, 2006, and includes Applicant's statement of the substance of the Examiner's Interview conducted on July 5, 2006.

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Statement of Substance of Interview
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Remarks

This Statement is in response to the Interview Summary dated July 14, 2006.

Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Substance of Interview comments included in the Interview Summary (Paper No. 20060705), which are provided below for convenience.

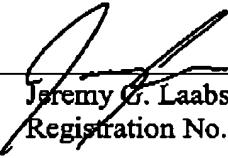
Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed claims 1, 13 and 19 as Velarde pertains to these claims. The examiner agreed that claim 1 would contain allowable subject matter if the "medical device" referred to in claim 1 was changed to a "stent" (claim 2), thus, overcoming the reference by specifying the method on a stent. Applicant pointed out that claim 13 defines over Velarde because Velarde's overlapping blades are arranged relative to the aperture axis such that the circumference of the aperture orthogonal to the aperture axis contacts only one or the other of a first or second overlapping blade. It was agreed that claim 13 defines over Velarde by the claimed subject matter where the circumference of the aperture orthogonal to the aperture axis contacts the surface of the first blade and the second blade. The examiner indicated that Velarde was applicable against claim 19 but would be allowable if amended to further include a third blade pivotably connected to the first body

Applicant further states that the arguments presented to the Examiner and discussed during the Interview were the same arguments presented in the Amendment After Final filed May 30, 2006.

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